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For: A METHOD OF CONDITIONING IRON ALLOY-BASED ANODES FOR
ALUMINIUM ELECTROWINNING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Prior to examination please preliminarily amend the present application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, please delete "or 2";

In claim 4, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 5, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 6, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 7, please delete "4" and insert therefore --5--;

In claim 8, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 10, please delete "or 9";

In claim 11, after "conditioning", please insert --by the method of--, and delete "according to any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 12, after "conditioning", please insert --by the method of--, and delete "according to any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 15, please delete "or 13";